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SUBJ: SEAT OF WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA JUST CALLED ME PERSONALLY TO SAY THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM AMBASSADOR GALLARDO MORENO OF LATTER'S CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR PERCY, DURING WHICH GALLARDO MORENO HAD PROPOSED THAT THE UNITED STATES FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY VOTING FOR THE FIRST ROUND, AND PERHAPS THE SECOND, FOR ZAGREB AND IF THIS DIDN'T PROSPER, TO THEN GIVE ITS VOTE TO MEXICO AS THE PERMANMENT SEAT OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION. RABASA SAID THAT MEXICO HAS STROCC ASPIRATIONS FOR THE SEAT AND WISHES TO GIVE ITS FULL OFFICIAL BACKING TO GALLARDO MORENO'S INFORMAL PROPOSAL TO SENATOR PERCY.

2. I TOLD RABASA THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT HIS VIEWS TO THE DEPARTMENT, WARNING HIM THAT I WAS NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC AS I UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS THE U.S. INTENTION FIRST TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO YUGOSLAVIA (GIVING HIM A FRIENDLY DIG TO TO THE EFFECT THAT THE U.S. ALSO HAD ITS THIRD WORLD FRIENDS) AND THAT FAILING THIS WE WERE EVEN CONTEMPLATING PROPOSING AN AMERICAN CITY AS A COMPROMISE SEAT. DESPITE THIS, I ASSURED RABASA THAT I WOULD ONCE AGAIN BRING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION MEXICO'S STRONG ASPIRATIONS RE WTO.

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3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A PRELIMINARY MEETING

OPENING TOMORROW OF THE TRAVEL SERVICES OF THE AMERICAN
REPUBLICS, TO BE HELD AT MEXICAN FOREIGN SECREQRIAT,
WHERE PRESUMABLY THE MATTER OF SITE WILL BE DISCUSSED.
(ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY,
ON INQUIRY TO US TRAVEL SERVICE WE WERE TOLD THAT
DAVID EDGELL IS COMING AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE.)
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